THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Exports of cotton yarn to EEC from India and a few other countries are subject to qutoa restriction. USA also has inposed quota restrictions on import of cotton yarn from a few countries. However, cotton yarn exports from India to USA are not subject to specific limit but are under an overall group limit.

(b) Government have no information on the stand reported to have taken by Chaina and Pakistan in the matter of unutilised quota of yarn.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Increasing the production of Cotton

2226. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total quantity of cotton produced, State-wise/District-wise including in Punjab: and

(b) what efforts are being made to Government to increase production of cotton in Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) The total quantity of cotton produced, state-wise (district-wise details not available) in the country during the cotton season 1993-94 had been estimated as under:—

(Qty. in lakh bales of 170 kg. each)

State	Estimated Production
Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan	38.5
Gujarat	19.5
Maharashtra	19.00
Madhya Pradesh	12.5
Andhra Pradesh	20.5
Karnataka	8.5
Tamil Nadu	5.50
Others	1.00
Total	125.00

(b) The Government is implementing Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Intensive Cotton Development Programme (ICDP) in important cotton growing states, including Punjab, to increase the production of all types of cotton to meet the domestic requirement and export surplus produce. Under the scheme, financial assistance to provide to the states for supply of critical inputs, such as seeds, pesticides, equipments, irrigation, sprinklers as also for organising demonstrations of improved technology and farmers training etc.

***Sick and New Textile Mills in Punjab**

2227. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of textile mills in Punjab which are sick and suffered losses;

(b) the details of each mill and the effective measures Government propose for improvement of the said mills; and

(c) the details of new textiles units proposed to be established in the State during the period of Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b) As on 31-1-94, there were 5 textile mills registered with Board for Industrial Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) as sick. The names of mills are given below:—

1. Punjab Spinning and Weaving Mills.

2. JCT Fibres Limited.

3. Khanna Silk Mills.

4. Shree Lalit Fabrics (P) Ltd.

5. Punjab State Hosiery and Knitwear.

Government have set up BIFR to evolve and manage rehabilitation package in respect of viable sick/closed mills.

(c) The Government on its own does not set up any new Cotton/Man-made

Fibre Textile Unit. However, as per information made available by National Cooperative Development Corporation, there are proposals to set up 40 Cooperative Spinning Mills in the country during the Eighth Five Year Plan out of which 2 mills are proposed for Punjab.

Export of Cotton

2228. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) how much and what portion of total production of cotton was allowed for export by Government;

(b) what portion of the said quantity has been exported;

(c) what portion of cotton has been referred to be exported and whether that is held up at the ports and lying there;

(d) if so, whether the credibility of Indian commerce is jeopardised due to this situation; and

(e) who is to be held responsible therefor and for the loss of goodwill of Indian exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) 5 lakh bales (4 per cent) of the estimated production of 125 lakh bale were released for export by Government during the cotton season 1993-94.

(b) 1.665 lakh bales are reported to have been shipped out of the contracted quantity of 3.428 lakh bales against the quota of 5 lakh bales.

(c) About 1.763 lakh bales of the contracted quantity of 3.428 lakh bales are reported to have been deferred to be exported on account of suspension of export. None of this quantity is reported to be held at the ports and lying there.

(d) and (e) The Government's decision to suspend exports agianst the export quota was taken in view of the spiralling cotton prices in the domestic market leading to increase in the prices of yarn which had adversely affected a large number of handloom and powerloom weavers. The representatives of the affected overseas buyers, while urging Government to permit exports also appreciated the circumstances under which the measures to suspend export was taken.

Merger of sick Textile Unit with Healthy Units

2229. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN:
SHIR SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the sick textile units are going to be merged with viable or healthy units;

(b) if so, when, how and where and the number of closed, sick, viable and healthy units and percentage of capacity utilisation of the NTC mills;

(c) what is the number of workers who are being paid salaries though rendered idle and their total monthly wage bill;

(d) what are the accumulated losses, interest waived by Government and outstanding debts of sick units, till date; and

(e) the reasons for trade unions not responding to the proposal to take over of textile mills through promotion of workers' cooperatives?